

## **Abbey Carpet in Missoula Keeps Positive Attitude with New Remodel to *Show***

HELENA, MT – When you first walk into the newly remodeled showroom of Abbey Carpet, you wouldn't think we are in a tough economic time. In fact you would think that Montana's economy is better than ever. That is exactly the atmosphere that Curt Bowler of Abbey Carpet wants to convey.

Curt, who grew up in the business while working with his dad, fell in love with the construction and building process and he knew that someday he would take great pride in owning the family business. And in, 1989, that became reality when he took over the business from his father.

Curt has seen the ups and downs of the economy in running his business, but one thing remains the same, Curt's hard work and devotion in staying positive. "I treat every day, as a new opportunity," said Curt. "If you are excited and upbeat, then so are your employees and they are excited to come to work. In return your customers feel opportunistic as well."

Many people question why Curt and Abbey Carpet would be putting money into remodeling their current location, when business has taken a downturn. But Curt found this slow period as an opportunity to put time back into the business where needed and to renovate the showroom.

With an SBA (Small Business Administration) loan through Treasure State Bank, Curt was able to fund his remodeling. This loan was instrumental to the project and proved to be an excellent time to borrow, he was able to save over \$36,000 in borrower fees, as well as receiving a 90% guarantee on the loan, due to the passage of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act in 2009.

Curt was also able to save money on the construction costs by putting his man power and sweat equity into the project.

This new remodel surely shows customers that Abbey Carpet in Missoula is here to stay and invite all in to see their new remodeled look.

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